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Horned S. To W. ^{Friend} Hopkinson

Bartlet Buildings

15. Aug. 1728.

I was last week to wait on you to tell you that W^r Chamberlayne is very measly at ys^r delay of paying ~~both~~ Principal & Interest of the 100. l. you have so long since borrow'd, and for which she is oblig'd annually to pay Interest her self: ~~and~~ Down to you I am at a loss how to excuse your delay of executing ~~so much~~ the Bonds you promised so long ~~ago~~ should be done, ~~and~~ so reasonable for her to desire as a security in case of ys^r Mortality; and if you make a difficulty of complying with this ~~which takes so much from you~~ what can the Expert of all ys^r wives, ~~so often repeated~~.

I beg of you to consider with how much frankness the money was lent to you, her Case as a widow not ~~able~~ to bear the ~~delay~~ of it, & how much ys^r own honour suffer by putting her off with fair promises, without ~~the least~~ ~~not one~~ performance of them.

I have been at a small charge for Messengers and Coach hire on this affair which I hope you will consider

will consider can be no pleasure to me, while they
 are ~~all~~ in vain. I am now remov'd from my
 Chambers in the Temple to this place where
 I shall be glad to see you, or at any other
 place you will appoint, to ~~where~~ ^{Ob me prout what} you
 may ^{propose} ~~propose~~ ^{call} when I hope you will at least pay
~~of this affaire~~ ^{the Intrest to} ~~the Intrest~~ ^{to}
 J. G. most humble Servt.

H. N.

To Dr. Hon. the
 Lady Torrington at Bath

Bart. Bulding
 12. Sept. 1728.

Madam

W. Inane being come to Town
 I this afternoon obey'd yr. Ladyship's command
 to wait on him, and when I told him the
 Story, and shew'd him yr. ~~adversary~~ Letter
 he told me that he had long design'd to make
 the Marquis a present but could not tell how
 to do it ~~without~~ affronting him, but now
 yr. Ladyship had shew'n him the way he
 would ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~adversary~~ do it immediately and
 Stepping out of the room he went & fetch'd

2a. p.m.

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8 said it to me. I told him as ~~you~~ & Ladyship
was the occupation of his Charity I suppose he
wants that I shoud say it to y^t. Ladyship
~~the~~ to be apply^d as other contributions in favor
of the Marquis to which he answer'd, that
as he had sometime since intended such a
token of his ^{respect} ~~friendship~~ to the Marquis when
an opportunity shoud present, so he desir'd it
might be said to him the first time I ~~saw~~ ^{met}
him, ~~that~~ ^{but} that I might ac-
quaint y^t. Ladyship with it, & therupon
call'd for a flask of wine to drink y^t.
Health, and at the same time he desir'd
me to signify to y^t. Ladyship that he
would not be understood ^{by this token of his respect} to be a subscriber
for an annual contribution of the like or
any other sum, but rather hop'd the
Marquis by such friends as y^t. Ladyship
would get into some business so as not to
want it. I thank y^t. Ladyship for the
pleasure I have had in obeying your
orders

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wed upon this occasion, and hope it may
be a prelude to some other kindness which
Providend may open a door for to set him
once more upon his Legs, My P. Townshend
fear always gives him good words when
he sees him ^{but} if yr. Ladifhip would conde-
=lend to Solvite wher yr. interest is so power-
=full, those words I'm ~~perswaded~~ would soon
become effectual to ~~make~~ him a Comⁿ in
~~one~~ of the ^{her or in Ireland} lesser branches of the Revenue of
the Crown or at least an Equerry in the
Kings Stables or something that would be
read to him, without and case yr. Ladifhip
~~the relations~~ of the brother he is now ~~to this~~
you. I ^{was at} went to S. Albans the week before
last where the 3. little gentleys who are all very
well & send their Duty to your Ladifhip, as also
W. Father gill did his humble Servt. I am

Madam yr. Ladifhip's
most obedt^r humble
Servt.

To Jonathan Belcher Esq.
at St. James;

Bartlet's Building, 5
22. Dec^r. 1749.

Dear Govt.

He understands to have & does a ^{well} Peruse and
writes a ~~very~~ good hand, but wants English to
qualify him ~~thoroughly~~ ^{thoroughly} for an English ^{office} though
some he would be ~~the less~~ ^{the more} available for
his speaking French. He is in ~~great~~ ^{such} want

that he would accept of any Service for his Bread
but as his father was a Gent. to Louis the 14th. he
would be glad to be excused wearing a livery
if you have not provided y^r self wth all
the Retinue you will have occasion for, enlarged

of the ~~fact~~ God has given so much proof of his sincerity that I cannot doubt it, and

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and therefore I have return'd to recommend
him to yr. Excellency in hopes he may be
a usefull Servt. if you have occasion for him.

I hope yr. Servt. has inform'd you that
I have call'd twice at yr. Lodgings to pay
my respects to you, being

I^r. yr. most obedt. humble

To the Hon^{ble}

W^r President Hopman
in yr^r Building

11. June. 1730.

Hon^r Sir. I acquainted W^r Cham-
berlayne with yr. proposal for paying ~~the~~
the 100. l. & interest ~~in~~ Dec^r next and giving
Bond to sign the Rent of yr. House in Parsons
Green if it was not then paid. I have pre-
pared a ~~bad~~ condition she would have been
glad if you could have paid ~~part~~ ^{the interest} now & the
rest then, being very much straiten^d ~~for~~ ^{some} want of money to defray ~~the~~ ^{the} charge she ^{is at} ~~want~~ it
~~it~~, but if that be not to be done she must wait
your convenience, and in the mean time I have
prepared a condition of a Bond for yr. Approba-
tion before it is engrap^d desiring you to fill up
the

the Blanks with such a description of the
House and Garden as may be proper, and
to insert ys. own title.

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~~I took the liberty to~~ ^{for the 100. £.} ys. Note is dated
27th April 1722. and payable the 1st of June following
which to the 1st Cent^t is 8. Year and to the
1st of Dec^r next ^{is a year more so that the} according to what
Interest at 5. ^{ft} Cent. for that time which the
has ~~been~~ paid to the Dean & Chapter of
Westminster will ~~amount~~ at Dec^r. next amount
to 42:10:- and the Principal added to it
will make 142:10:-.

~~I took the liberty to tell her~~ ^{Stamp of} that as she
had paid for engraving the 2. former Bonds
which were never executed you would
give her the charge of this and by ys.
punctuality ^{in Decem^r. next} make amends for all disap-
pointments hitherto, I shall be glad to re-

^{command} herein ^{Mr. Chamberlayne}
having never had the Small Pox ^{is desirous to get out of Town as soon as}
~~possible for fear of it, & hope that may excuse her not writing on the day to~~
~~whom she desire~~
~~to give her a sum to pay the sum of the Small Pox which she has paid~~
~~whilom for her self, & the 1st of June to go back out of Town. I am~~
~~acceptable as well as the 1st of June to go back out of Town. I am~~
~~desirous of it, & I would accept~~
~~the same~~ ^{obliged} ^{to} S. ys. most humble Servt.

H. M.

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To W. Relid^t. Hoffmann

13. June. 1730

Hon^l S^t.

I shall take the first opportunity to aeq^t. W^r. Chamberlayne with y^r. Ans^r.
ab^t. the Bond &c⁹ and with you had
enabled me to propole the payment of
some part of the interest now, since you
cannot make the afigur^t. propost.

I am S^t. Y^r. mortobed. Amb^l.

To W^r. Chamberlayne.
at M^r Watkins's a Tobacominist
in Channel Row

Bartles Buildings
18 June 1730.

Westminster

The Rain last Monday & Yesterday prevented
my waiting on you either of those Days, but it did not hinder me
from going to Chelsea in the Stage where I told Dr King the Story of
Mr Maingett, and endeavour'd to find out how your house comes to be
the tenth, at present when in the Old Deeds it was the 9th. the present
enumeration of your Neighbours being as follows.

W ^r Street next the Hall, Yard	£ 5 ⁰ 1 ⁰
M ^r Lals.	2.
M ^r Bruce.	3.
M ^r Dawson.	4.
M ^r Tay.	5.
M ^r Peck.	6.
M ^r Greene.	7.
M ^r Lyons.	8.
Dr King	9.
M ^r Chamberlayne	10.

Dr King can't at present explain how the different Numerations happen,
but suspects Mr Street's House was built since the Computation which makes
your House the 9th of which he will inform himself by some old
Inhabitants, tho' it is a very frivolous Objection not worth removing, yet
since Mr Mr. lays so much stress upon it that he would revive his
Bargain, I was willing to give him that Satisfaction.

In the mean time I have taken Liberty to desired Dr King to —
employ his Gardener one Day in putting yours into Order, which is
all over run with high Weeds that when you stand at the House you
can hardly see the House, and the Grass growing up in many places
of the Gravel Walk which makes it look to any Purchaser
or Tenant. There is a Fresh Bill up, and I have desired the Dr. to let the
Loose Bricks over the Street Door be fasten'd by one of his Workmen
which he promis'd shall be done. He began to pull his house down
last Monday & would have been glad to have been your Tenant, while
it was rebuilding, if Dr Mairiott had discover'd his inclination sooner
and as he intends to make it like the next house, which seems a fine
Fabrick, it will serve not a little to recommend yours.

I suppose Dr. Hopp. is at Windsor as a Foreign Min^r. but
when he returns I'll wait on him about your Affair the first opportunity.

I am

Madam

Your most humble

Servt.

Henry Newman.

To the Rev^r

Mr Arch Deacon Denne

at Fromley House

Bartlets Buildings

Sir in Kent

25 June 1730.

At the desire of Dr John Newman I give you the trouble
of this by the Rev^r Mr H^r Laughran to acquaint you that after being
educated in University Coll. Oxford, he has obtain'd Deacon's Orders from
the Bp of P^r David to qualify himself for a Chaplainship on the Barrick
in Admiral Hosier's Squadron from which Service being retain'd with Testimonials
of his good Behaviour in all those Nations, he is advised to stand a Candidate
for a Paracy in the Church of Shadwell, but can't it seem after himself
without Priest Orders, He would have apply'd himself to the Bp of P^r David,

for

for those Orders but his L^t ship being in the Country, he is oblig'd to request the favour of some Bp near London in hopes that the Expence & Delay of a Journey into Gloucester shd. might be saved to him. This Favour is what I am therefore desir'd to recommend him to you for, in hopes that when you have examined his Testimonials and are satisfied in his Character & Merit you may be pleas'd to recommend him to my Lord Bp of Rochester, for Priests Orders. and your good Offices for obtaining that favour of his L^t ship will be esteem'd as an Obligation upon Revd Dr

Your most Obedient

P.S.

Humble Servant

Rec'd your Letter of the
20. Jun^r. and communicated it to the
Committee who thank you for it, in hopes of
seeing you next Tuesday to confer about that,
and other Things.

SC. C.S.

To the V^r Hon^rble the
Lady Torrington

Bart. Buildings,
25. June. 1730.

Madam In obedience to ys^r Ladyships

order I wrote to S^r Thos. Howther when at Bath, & he answer'd that at his return he would pay me 20. l. for the ^{to be paid to ys^r Ladyship on acc^t of the Bp of Gloucester} Marquis but now he desires me to acq^t ys^r Ladyship that being disappointed of receiving a considerable Bill from Mr. Penning a Banker lately fail'd he is oblig'd to the payment of ^{little} ~~it~~ for a while. S^r Thos. is just now gone to Tunbridge ^{to} ~~to~~ expect^r to return in 14. d^r or 3. weeks. I am

To W^r Paulet Secy to the Bp of London. Madam ys^r Ladyships

Post Script. If a Letter to Mr. Paulet the Bp of London's Secy. dated 16. April 1730.

Poor Mr. Taaffe will be left in the lurch unless you can find some expedient to help him he has been paid hitherto at the rate of 6. l. D^r which is £. 12. 6. for ¹² mon^r but Capt. De gullion tells me that out of the last £. yearly distribution there is only £ 2. 15. reserv'd for him and that he can have no more for the future than after the rate of 5. l. D^r Ann^r paid when the Treasury please to order it whereas this Man must starve if it be not weekly or monthly advanced to him.

To Josias Brumley Esq;
at the Admiralty

(11) Bartlet's Buildings
20. July. 1730.

S: W: Potterton the Beaver tells
me she was ~~united~~ through yd: goodness ~~and~~ re-
commended her to the L: of the Admiralty, who
united sometime since for a Nurse in Greenwich
Hospital, upon the merit of her Husband's serving
well between 30 & 40. year in the Navy. If there be
present occasion ~~give her leave~~ for her service, pray ~~don't be tended~~ that
~~the poor woman~~ ~~and~~ ~~time~~ ~~is~~ ~~with~~ ~~on~~ ~~you~~ ~~offer~~ ~~it~~
~~her service~~, and in ~~placing~~ ~~accepting~~ her I dare
say she will soon by her self by her
industry, and ~~you~~ ~~will~~ by granting her request
you will lay a particular obligation on

To..... Arnold. Esq: P:

Under Secy of War

Sir

Bartlet's Buildings
3 August 1730.

I have been 3 or 4 times at your Office without the happiness
of meeting you to beg your advice how I may prevent Capt. John Jackson
the oldest Lieut in Col: Pickings Regt at Portsmouth from being made
youngest in a Marching Regt, or at best degraded very much from what
he is, which is a hardship that I hope Mr: Wm Hickland will never consent to,
when it is known that he has been twenty year in the Service to rise to what
he is, and does not enjoy a great degree of health so as to be capable of fatigue,
but to put him 30 years backward in another Regt among strangers out
of one where he is so well belov'd would kill him out right. I am

I am sorry that I cannot wait upon you to morrow which I understand is P.W. publick day at the Office, being oblig'd every Tuesday ~~and~~ in the year to attend at another Place, and I would not trouble P.W. with a Memorial till I could be inform'd from you that it was necessary. If this finds you at the Office I shall be glad to know by theearer whether a Memorial be necessary, then I may put Mr Jackson out of Pain, w^{ch} he writes to me earnestly for, and will thereby oblige.

Sir Your most obedient
To M^r Chamberlayne
at Knighton humble Servt
Madam. Isle of Wight R. ev.

You may well think me negligent of your Business by my long silence; the true reason of wh^{ch} has been the want of something worth writing to you. The pulling down and rebuilding the back part of Dr King's house oblig'd me to take off the roof of the Wash house in order to erect their scaffolds which fill the back yard with Rubbish and would have filled the house with dirt if the Windows and doors had not been constantly shut, so that I was ashamed any body should see the house in the pickle it was, and sorry I advertised it, tho' it brought to me 2 customers to enquire about it, but having seen it they came no more. As to Mr Lloyd (I think his Name) that you left me in treaty with after 2 or 3 meetings at Faversham and a formal Survey of the Condition of the House by a Workman of his own, for I told him I would not putt you to the expence of it, he and his Attorney told me gravely they would give 25 years purchase for the ground the House stood on, but the House they could consider only as old Rubbish to be made use of in rebuilding it. I ask'd em what they compus the,

the ground at one year to be at, they told me about 3 or 4 £⁽³⁾ what the materials of the house supposing it to be requisite to rebuild it, they told me they reckoned the ground at 100 £ and the House at 20 £ and that they were generous Chaps at that Price; upon which I paid my reckoning and left 'em, and have not heard from 'em since!

I have now spoke to Mr Rogers the Broker for buying and selling and letting old houses, but desired him not to send any Body to see it till the workhouse was roof'd and all in order of which I would acquaint him. They promised it should be all in order a Week ago, but if I go to see it, I know I should have abundance Occasion to scold at 'em and therefore have given 'em till this Week is out.

I wonder Dr King would go into the Country as a functioner when such an affair was on his hands for which reason they have been 3 times as long about the back part as the front. as to the party quoted. I told Mr. Wakeman I could say nothing to it and that I believed Dr King would think himself obliged to be at all the Expence of repairing it, to balance these bad tidings I am glad to tell you that Mr Resident has executed a Bond to pay you 142 £ 10, P. in Dec next. I hope the Ladies ~~will~~ at Kington are well to whom I give my humble Service and do assure you that I am
Yours.

To Mrs Chamberlayne.

at Knighton, Isle of Wight Hampshire, 26. Sept: 1730.

Bartlets Buildings,

26. Sept: 1730.

Madam! D^r King being return'd last Thursday Night, out of the Country, I went yesterday to see the condition of your house, and am glad to tell you they have built a Washhouse, mend'd the street door, and cut a Window, to the Stair case, which gives it a good air, & light; just before I came there General Whetham's Sister a Maiden, Lady, came in a Chariot from Fresham Green, to see the house, and having view'd it from top to Bottom, is inclin'd to take it for a year from Xmas next, on condition I will put it in good repair. The Repair, she insists on, is painting & whitewashing the 2. ground rooms, & putting a Dutch Flue, & stone facing to both the chimneys, and mending the garret floors; I am in hopes to be excus'd painting, because the season of the year for doing it is past, when I wait upon her, which I hope to do some day next Week; I can go and come in a Day, she made no difficulty offering 10^l per annum, tho' she rememb'd her Aunt Damer paid but 16^l but the new Alcove, now Washhouse, and other expences, never, made her think the Rent was not unreasonable, and if she likes it after a years trial, she will, buy it. Upon these Recoragments I have deserv'd Miss King who is her Acquaintance to let her know immediately by a letter, that every thing shall be done of repairs, that we can reasonably desire, as soon

as I know her. Resolution to come into the house, &c. what she
causes on of Repair, by a Letter from herself, before I put
you to any Charge. (15)

Dr. King's house being rebuilt, gives a good air both to front
and back part of your house, there being much Company
with the Dr. To welcome him home, I could have no talk
with him about the Party Gutter, which is vastly improved
by a fine leaden Gutter, that carries all the Rain Water
into the Street, instead of conveying great Part of what falls
on the Roof before into the garden, and so into the left part
in the Dr's garden, & as now there is only a small Gutter be-
tween Miss Jones' and ~~the Dr's~~ House, that will bring
Water and to wash y^r back yard clean, & water y^r garden.
I am just now going to Hatfield in Hertfordshire, to see one
of my little Indian Boys, that is down with the small Pox,
but God willing shall return on Monday to give such Dedi-
cations as you shall procure. Me with, in y^r Affairs being
Madam.

Y^r H. N.

Mrs Watkins & I dear y^r health. I other day, & she desired
me to tell you, she should be glad to have you & y^r ladies
at Knaresborough, intended to come to London, this winter, or
next Spring.

She told me also she believed she could get me a Tenant,
if the house were furnish'd, & the rent abated, but I hope
you will have no occasion for her recommendation.

My humble service to the ladies at Knaresborough, I want to

(16) know whether you have got the Guardian, and when any Specs
is sent to you by Miss Watkins, that I may embrace ^{of} same
opportunity of sending ^{you} 8 Volumes of something or other, for
a set of Newentys; there is a New Edition of Newentys
in 3 Vol: Octavo come out, but I hope it won't hinder the
disposing of the 8 Vol: you have left in a way of Exchange.

To Mr. Chamberlayne at Kingston

Bartlet: Buildings

10. Oct. 1730.

Madam

Madam Last Wednesday W. Whitham Esq.^r
of the Excise & Bro^r to Gen^l Whitham & the Lady I
mentioned in mine of the 26th of last Mth sent to desire
to speak with me at the Excise Office. I immediately waited
on him & we agreed to go this day to Chelsea from his
House near Gros^r ever Square whence he carry^d me in
his Chariot to view y^r House & what repairs shd be
necessary to make it convenient ~~and~~ for the reception of
his Sister, who is willing to take it for a year certain from
Xmas ^{the} ^{the day it is intended to go into it till Lady Day} next & if she then likes it, she will be a purchase.
The Repairs ^{to be} done are Coving Stone, for the 2. Chimney,
below Stair^r & 1. above Stair^r. The Floor mended where
wanting. The Windows mended. The Pump to be put
into good order if defective. A new Lock to the Street door
and the old one mended & put on the back door. The Neg-
tary House empty. Plastering & white washing where
wanted

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where wanting ~~and~~ the House to be painted. & get
her into the best shippon to ~~wanted~~. He
replies that the Masters Rent from Xmas to Lady
Day will go a great way towards defraying these
Repairs, and the Rent to be 10. l. & 6d an. She will
be a good Tenant, and if she purchases I hope at
least to get 14. years purchase. And as soon I have yr
approbation will order the Repairs to be made.
Give me leave now ~~and~~ to say. you will an
affair of my own.

Jan 1727. the Min. & Clerical Wardens at Forts. &c.
Sent me a Power to take care of the Education of
their ^{3.} Orphans ^{in England} Being 3. in Number in the room of
W. Arch Deacon Lewis then gone to Ireland & since
Dead, & ~~in 1720~~ they ~~settled~~ at the same time
they remitted to me 200. l. ^{forwad} defraying the Ex-
penses I should bear. I accepted the Trust upon
an assurance that I should never want ^{money} ~~and~~ with
the Child ^{having all good Fortunes in the City} to defray the ^{the} Expent I shd. bear but this ^{for} 200.
when I expected a remittance of 2. or 300. l.
they have not sent me one Penny, nor a line said
by way of apology. this gave me not a ^{moderat} little uneasiness till I met wth W. ^{the} Fair ^{late}
Lauder a Merchant come over in ^{4. 10.}
the last Slip arrived there ^{17. 6}

who ~~is~~ is 6126
Brat

who comes up it was never ~~so~~ ^{occasion'd by} forgotten, the Captain
 being newly arriv'd ^{to succeed the former who is dead}, and only the Youngest Church-
 warden on the place at home the other being gone
 a short voyage in the service of the Company, but
 if he had been in the way they would not have
 neglected me nor their Child^{."} but that I may be
 sure of it next year, the Child^{."} Fortunes we have considerable
 in the City Stock being as safe as if they were in a Bank of Eng^tl^d.
 Now that am the favour I have to request of you
 is that you would give me leave to take up 50.
 or 60. l. at W^t. Hoare's as I may have occasion for
 it, on the due credit of yo^r East India Bond in his
 hands where the Principal & Interest shall continue to
 be account^d for to you as if I had receiv'd nothing, and
 in the mean time I will execute a Bond to secure you
 in case of Mortality.

The Youngest Boy that had the Small Pox thank God is in
 a fair way to do well and the Eldest I have taken him
~~to be an assistant Clerk to me in order to reduce the~~
~~Spent~~ I shall contract their Expence as much as I can
 without prejudice to their Learning till I have a
 Remittance from India.

I should not make the Proposal I have done if
 into it I apprehended your Interest would suffer by it
 every House & therefore I hope you will excuse the freedom
 of this from Madam y^r most humble Servt

P. S.

The letter enclosed came by the Post to W. (19)
Watkins who sent it to me. I wonder that any
Correspnd. of W. Chamberlayne's ^{is engag'd} Friends not know
that he was dead.

My humble benids to the Ladies at Kingston.

To John Whetham Esq.
in Brook Street near
Grosvenor Square.

Bartlet's Building,
21. Oct. 1730.

I^r. I have rec'd a letter from W. Chamber-
layne by which she consents to all the Repairs desired
to be made to her House, only as fac't her that the
principal articles of painting & Covering Hous, in 3. Chanc-
eys are what another Tenant would not agree for
W^r Whetham's reception on the terms of 18. £. per an.
from X ^{next} ^{Book} as I fac't her that you think
those Articles would come to little more than 5. £.
She would rather allow a certain sum to ~~W^r Whetham~~
towards it than to trust her self in the hands of
Workmen who ^{despise} ⁱⁿ of nothing but multiplying
^{mechanicks} ^{without being well lodg'd for}
^{Expences} ^{whether necessary or not}.

If W^r Whetham therefore pleases to accept ^{the last} ^{new account}
of 5. £. per week to be apply'd towards making ^{the account}
those Repairs to her own Lising W^r Chamberlayne ^{etc} during the Haire ^{4. 10.}
Chamberlayne ~~Rents~~ will readily
allow that to encourage so good
a Tenant. ^{through the Principal the others} ~~the others~~ ^{17. 6}
But if she would take a look of the Haire
^{the Surveyor has been there & he says 1.} ^{15:} ⁶
^{or 2. Board} ⁶ ^{12 6}
Bart.

Board will suffice to repair all that is wanting to the Room
and the Bricks in the ^{back} Yard ~~which~~ ^{it seems} I find belong to the house
~~will go a good way~~ & may be used towards making up the Wall in the ~~the~~ Cellar.
If the Pump be more out of Repair than we
imagine it, that must be allow'd for, but I believe it is only
and as to other Articles, the persons your employ will in all
likelihood be more reasonable than they will with her,
or me. However I shall submit to take the trouble
if M^r Whetstone & you don't approve of M^r Chamberlayne
I shall submit to take the trouble as well as can being
afforded, M^r Y^r most obedt^r humble

To No^o 1st Chambers
at Ryde Isle of Wight

Bart. Building
31. Oct. 1930

1930.
I should not have let you a Letter of the 17th of this
Month remain so long without sending you a reply. Your
Word did indeed affect me again about the old House but we are still
in suspense respecting your appointment. Your's & William's
met me at Cheltenham this day where the younger Painter
Mr. Bickley did not come to give the Estimate of the real
value of the House of Repairs in order to come to some
arrangement. I had offered you 6 guineas towards
paying Harry the Repairs & to let the Lady lay it out as she pleases.

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plead, but the Com: who he seemed to think that was a reasonable offer
for the necessary Repairs yet to prevent any Disappoin'tm: to himself
was willing to have the opinion of the proper Workmen & so to begin
the Estimate for what was thought necessary. viz

Braving Stones for 3 Chimneys 70 foot at 10/- ft	2. 10. 0
Joiners Work for Floors, Windows, & one Lead & Pump	1. - -
Painters Work inside for the 2 Ground Rooms	1. u 15
Do: for outside front work windows ^{Painted}	1. u 2. 6
Do: for backside Work Washhouse Windows &c	13. 9
Do: for the Alcove	4. -
Bricklayers Work in Cellar 45 f. being 50 Bricks	
Labour & Mortar included	1. u 3. -
Do: for Plastering	10. -
Glazing	2. 6
A new Lock to the Street Door & of present Lock to be removed to the Back Door	5. -
	£ 9 : 6 : 5

These were the Articles judged necessary without which
they said no Tenant would come in, the Workmen also said they had
estimated the outside Rent on it: perhaps they would be some
A Cutten! but that is their usual Modesty to draw People in.

After this Mr. Whetman with the Entry on the left
hand side with new plastered, & the Staircase might be wanted
Painted & being estimated by the Joiner for his Work amounted
to 30 yds. w. at 2. 6 pds. from Top to Bottom including the Staircase
ab. 3 foot high from the Staircase to the 1. 10. -

Joiners Work for Do: by Computation. ~~17~~ 17. 6
Do: other Work 15: -

Brick

6 12 6

(22) Brought from the other. 6, 126
9: 6, 5

£ 15, 10¹¹

After this I told Mr. Whetham if his sister insisted on having all these Repairs, & he'd she would either take a Rent for some ^{or} Years & Rent of the House outright & would allow a years Rent in the Purchase, she answer'd that she should never leave the House if she liked it, & if upon Trial she did like it, she might buy it. But the most I could ~~take~~ bring 'em to was that if these Repairs were made, she would take it for 2 years certain from ~~the~~ ^{the next} & allow £ 10: - Rent & the same to be paid quarterly, & that in that Time she would in all likelihood lay out so much more to make the House convenient as would tempt her to stay in it, but she would not be obliged to stay a long time upon this we parted to consider of it, & I promised to write to you for your Approbation.

I must own I think the latter Proposal the most eligible considering that in 2 years she will be so fixed in it, & lay out so much Money on it as to be tempted not to leave it, whereas for the lesser Estimate of Repairs, she will be obliged but for one year, then the quitt it another Tenant will expect some further Repairs which may amount to as much as all the extraordinary Demands now made.

I must also acquaint you that they have their eye on another house in the Lane w^{ch} has 4 Rooms on a Floor & each house belonging to it but as the Rent of that will be 2000 Pounds I hope to divert them from taking it if you approve of either of the forementioned Proposals for one year & less Repairs, one year & the larger Repairs.

Yours

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The Truth is the rebuilding of Dr. King's House has lost an entire summer ~~time~~ in
letting of which could not be avoided, & the Managemt. of old
House was to make anything open when they are so
many new ones to let very cheap, makes it very difficult ^{to sell} to get anything decent without running some Risques.

Be pleased therefore to let me have y^r Commands on this
Head with y^r first convenience.

I have rec'd of $\frac{1}{2}$ year's Dividenden on S. Sea Stock ^{to} £. ...
and the ^{bi} calculation of £. on D^r Stock. - - - - - 18

And am to receive y^r Annuity Interest some time after the
1st of next Month. At y^r earliest opportunity I intend to
pay the £. India Bond.

I have given Notice to Mr. Maddox that I shall comply
with y^r Order for paying up her Sums mentioned in y^r Letter on D^r ...
and shall pay Mr. Walker at the <sup>1st Time ^{ago} by his Door. & give the
enclosed Letter from Mr. Griffiths to Mr. More who is now established
Leyne Head & Mr. Parker is now Rec^r of the Tenths in Room of
Mr. Eaton ^{which} is 500 £. per Ann. I thank you for y^r kind Employment
with my Request relating to y^r £. India Bond & am</sup>

Madd^{ox}y^r most obedt^t humble Servt.

my humble service to y^r Ladies with you Harry Norman
Please to be referred to the enclosed ^{Print} for News.

Dr. King & his Daughter send their humble service to you,
with whom of d^rant^t Health.

(22) To W. Henry Overton Bartlet; Building
in Chesterhousy. 12. Nov: 1730.

1. a.

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S^r. The Society for Promoting
Christian Knowledge having unanimously chosen
you a Subsiding Member ~~in their~~ ^{in their} in hope you
may be pleased to accept thereof, when you have
been acquainted with the nature of their design, ^{concerning}
which the Accts. herewith sent will inform you, ^{in good measure} &
good part. And when ever you please to favour
them with y^r Company at their ~~Meeting~~ in
Bartlet's Building, they will be glad to see you any
Monday by ^{evening of the Chearfuly Mon: directed} sometime
This invitation was intended some time since
and a worthy Gent. Deceas'd undertook to ac-
quaint you with it, but it seems he either did
not live to do it, or for got it, which it ^{is hoped}
you will not insute to want of respect in the
Society. I am S^r. y^r most humble Servt.

To M^r Matthews at Her Lodg: near the Cold Bath
Madam

Bartlet's Build: 13th Nov: 1730.

I wonder how I came to forget last Night to acquaint
you that I have spoke 2. or 3. times to Mr Downing for
his Accts. with you, & told him I had a ~~form~~ to discharge
it, but he has not yet sent it to me, & therefore because
you may perhaps see him before you return into the
Country I have sent by the Bear^r. the remainder of

the Money in my Hands for that Purpose.

(25)

I heartily wish you & Mr. Matthews a good Journey
into the Country & am Madame

1730.

Cash Rec'd. £ 3. 3. —

Pd Mr. Moore as a
Benefaction to the
Malabar Miss.

17. Pd. Watts by Ord.
of Mr. Matthews £ 12. 6
1. 13. 6

Nov. 13. Rec'd. sent by Bear. £ 1. 9. 6
3. 3. —

Yours humbly Servt

H. N

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J. D. Mead

in Ormond Street.

Bartlet's Buildings
18. Nov. 1730.

S. It ~~very~~ looks presumptuous in me to
aff. favours where I have no title but yo^r goodness
to grant 'em. The Bearer ^{Mr. Williams} I have known many
years for a very honest Woman. She has a Daughter
in Law ~~that~~ is Lunatick that has put her family to
a greater expence than they are able longer to bear
which puts her upon the expedient of addressing you
for yo^r recommendation to Guy's Hospital if such a favour
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To M^r Chamberlayne at Freshwater
 Madam in the Isle of Wight. Bartlet's Buildings
 24. Decemb^r. 1738.

You may well wonder at my long Silence since I rec^d.
 your Favour of the 9th. of November the Reason of which has been, that I
 might tell you the Issue of my Bargain with Com^r Whistham for letting
 your House at Chelsea, Copy of which is enclos'd. The Lady upon further
 Consideration chose to abate the Charge of Wainscotting the Entry & Staircase,
 that I might abate her the £ 10 proposed to be added to the Rent, and would not
 be obliged for above one Year, though she says she would never furnish it from
 Top to Bottom if she did not think of staying longer in it, or of buying it if she
 likes it upon Trial. She intended to put up a Copper in the Wash house,
 but steaming of Lead Copper is so much in Fashion now that she alter'd her
 Mind & has order'd her Bricklayer to make a little Chimney there that may
 serve for washing Dishes the Charge of which I shall endeavour to persuade
 Her to pay part of it not the whole if she stays but a year.

The outside is all painted but the Inside is left to be done next
 Spring, and in the mean Time she intends only to lodge a Servt. in it to take
 care of her Furniture till she goes into it at Lady Day. To tell you the
 Truth I was glad to get a Tenant upon any Terms for fear it should lye
 longer upon your Hands. The Garden she has already fitted up very spruce
 and I gave her Hopes of a Rolling Stone which it very much wants. Pray
 inform your self whether the Stone lost at Dr. Harvey's does not belong to you.
 I call'd on him to demand it but he was not at Home, however I find he has
 lent it to his Tenant in the House where you liv'd.

I was in hopes by this Time to have sent you a good Report from
 M^r Resident Hopmann, but when I call'd on him the Beginning of this
 Month with his Bond, he told me he did not think it was due till the Beginning
 of January, but when I shew him the Bond he was satisfy'd and promised
 the following Week, to call on me for paying the Interest £ 42. 10.
 and that he would pay the Principal in Jan^r. I took his Word once more
 which he failing of I call'd on him & he said now that he could not shew
 it but soon after the Holydays he hoped to pay all, he being to receive in the
 Holydays £ 2000 of his Lady's Fortune. And so that Affair stands, he
 gave me many good Words & send his humble Service to you. He is

removing

removing from York Buildings to a great House near S^t. James's for better carrying on his Project of an Assembly, which he is very sanguine will yield him a great deal of Money, several Persons of Quality having promised to attend it. 27

I have rec^d £4, for a Years Int^r. on your L. I. Bond to Mich^t. last. Please to be referred to the Print herewith sent for publick News. My humble Service to the Lady^s of your Family. Mrs. Maddox and her Son & Daughter have lately drunk your and their Health to me, & send their humble Service to you and them.

Wishing you a merry Xmas & many happy New Years I remain

Madame A. most humble Servt.

H. V.

Copy of W^r Jackson's Power of Attorney to W^r Galpin at Jamaica.

KNOW all men by these Presents that I Mary Jackson of London Spinster have made ordaine constituted and by these Presents do make ordaine constituted and Appoint The Reverend W^r Galpin of Port Royal in Jamaica my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my Name and for my Use to ask demand and receive of and from Cap^t Brooks late Cap^t of Fort Charles at Port Royal in Jamaica all such summes and summs of Money whether Principal or Interest due and payable to me by my Assigns by Bond or otherwise and upon non payment thereof the said Cap^t Brooks his Exec^r or Administrator for me and in my Name to sue arrest impound & prosecute for the same and upon such suit to proceed to Judgment & Execution and thereupon the said Cap^t Brooks his Exec^r or Admin^r in Prison to hold and keep until Payment thereof be made with all Costs & damages sustained & to be sustained by Occasion of the Detaining of the same and upon Payment thereof the said Cap^t Brooks his Exec^r or Admin^r to be set free to discharge and acquittances for the same or any Part thereof for me and in my Name to make seal and deliver and also to do performe execute all and every other lawful

lawful and reasonable Acts and Things whatsoever both for atteyning and
discharging of the same as shall be needful to be done. Giving and by these
Presents granting unto my said Attorney my full and absolute Power in the
Premises ratifying & holding firm & valid whatsoever my said Attorney shall
lawfully do or cause to be done in or about the Premises by virtue of these
Presents. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
Twenty second Day of January in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland
King Defender of the Faith &c Anno 1730. 31.

Sealed & delivered
in the presence of

R: Payne

Jn: Dover

Mary Jackson

B. Captⁿ Payne is commandⁿ of the Ashley Frigate
Captⁿ Dover of the London.

To W^m Pacy

Madam

Bart. Buildings

27. Jan^r. 1730/31

I am so little acq^d with members
of the H. of Com^r! and the Case you recom^rend is so exha-
cutionary that I can't tell what advice to give in it. If
the Petitioner has any relation to the Corporation of Boston
and her B^rth^r intentions have not interfered with the present
members for that ^{town} ~~expectation~~, if you would recom^rend it to
either of them to give their advice in it, I hope the auth^r
would

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would be more to y^t. & the Petitioners; Satisfaction than
any thing I ^{say} can do; I have therefore returned the
Petition, and heartily wish y^t. application to either of those
Gent. may succeed for the Service of the Lady, ~~whose~~ your
~~had~~ you recommended. I am Madam

[the Petition was addressed]

To the Hon^{ble} H^{on} of Com^{ee} of Gr^t Britain

The Honourable Petition of a young Gentlewoman
sheweth under very hard circumstances.

That y^t. Petitioners fortune lying in the
hands of her Bro^r, her St. Bro^r stood Candidate
for a seat in this Hon^{ble} House but lost the Election
in which he expended his own & y^t. Petitioners
fortune so y^t. Petition^r is by that means
reduced to a very low condition & must be inextric-
ably ruined without the assistance of y^t. Honours.

y^t. Pet^r therefore most humbly pray,
that this Hon^{ble} House would be pleased
to consider y^t. L^{ady} unhappy Pet^r & afford
her such relief as to y^t. Hon^{ble} House
shall seem meet.

And y^t. Pet^r as in duty
bound shall ever pray &c.

To W. Francis Hugom
at Nursled near Petersfield
Hampsh. (30)

Bart. Building,
28. Jan^t. 1730/31.

D^r. S^r. I rec'd yr. Lett^r of the 18th Cw^t.

and am sorry to find ym decline taking John Lawrence
under yr. ~~Protection~~ ^{Care} according to the hopes ym gave
me when ym was in London. For what I have advised
I have stoned the Money remitted ~~on~~ ^{last} to his Acc^t. I am ready
to stand to the Custodie of the Clunhwardens ~~as~~ ^{though} by their
Lett^r of 20th Jan^t. 1727/8^r ^{they} seem to confign him to you and to
appropriate 70. l. of the 200. l. they remitted, for your
Direction ^{absolutely} on his Acc^t. as if he was not an orphan under
this if care, but y^r ^{as} ~~Ex~~ ^{Ex}ecutor or Trustee for his
father. I beg therefore that ym will not withdraw
yr. self from every part of the Trust report in us
because I have been so easie as to accept of it ~~merely~~
on yr. ~~Agreement~~ & for the Argum^t you us'd with me, to
being joyn'd with so worthy ~~as~~ ^{as} you a self ~~in~~ ^{at least} in a Trust of this Nature.
As you are a Trustee ~~at least~~ in behalf of Lawrence
you can call the Clunhwardens to an Acc^t. whenever
ym please, but I have no such Authority, nor have
I any thing to relie on but their honor with respect
to the 2. other Lads, & the Justice of their Case, ~~but~~
I hope therefore ym will take Lawrence under yr.
care for the future, and recommend it to the Clunhwardens
at Fort^t. Geo.

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at Fort S^t. George should be delivered to my order he now makes a
 to reimburse me for ^{ding it belonged to the garden of the House he let} high matter I am not able to clear nor do I find
 what I have expend^d and therefore if I can meet with a second hand
 ed on him above their ^{at a reasonable Price} I should be glad to
 remittance of 70. l. And an Appurtenance that only Tenants of
 that you will write to M^r ^{Situation of it proves agreeable to you,}
 Huet M^r of the School at ^{purchase or to stay some years in it;}
 Hatfield to let him know that ^{ed of my Acco^t to M^r Chamberlayne} he is under y^r care for defraying ^{the} House inviting to so good
 the charge of his Schooling from
 Christmas last.

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I hope you won't think much of ^{edent humbly Servt:}
 doing this since the other two ^{laid} will be in N.

Brother ent^s upon me, ~~and I shall do~~ ^{your} brother enquire
~~me by the next ship to be except till I~~ ^{and at what p^{re}ce}
 can discharge my self of them, and that you ^{them?}
 will be always ready to advise ab^t the disposal
 of them ^{al^so} notwithstanding your having as your son^s buildings
 given up the Trust, ~~for underage will oblige me~~
^{since} it was ~~that~~ you that prevail^d with me to accept
^{of} the care ^{every} of them, and ~~I shall be obliged~~
^{and other} ~~word~~ ^{to} ~~encourage me~~ ^{my} self to from having any
^{my} ~~underage~~ ^{more} concern in this or the like Trusts for the future.

I hope when you have consider^d the contents of
 this you will send me a more agreeable ans^t than
 y^r last to S^t. Y^r most humble Servt

To W: Francis Hugom
at Nusted near Petersfield
Hampsh. 30 D:rs: J: 2

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Bartlets Buildings
26 March 1731.

and am sorry to find you
under y^r ~~protection~~ ^{Care} acc ^{last} to the Rev^r:
me when you was in ^{last} D: Sherriff Vic^r of
I mean above the 1st Greenwich in Kent

to stand to the ^{1st} Reverend S:

lett^r of 20th

I recd your favour of the 15th Mar^r
appropriate ^{aff} and immediately forwarded it to the Lady who deserves me
direction, to acquaint you that she agrees to the terms of a Guinea
and half promising that will be all that will be required of
the Person she employs to put up the Monument, i.e. that the
Sexton or Grave Digger will have no Demand.

I thank you for the trouble you have been pleased to
give your self on this affair at the request of

Reverend S:

Y^r most humbled Serv^r

To W: Whetham
in Old Lane Chelsea
Madam

H. N.
Bartlets Buildings
12th April 1731.

For fear I should be prevented waiting on
you as I purpose this day or Wednesday next this is at the desire of Mr
King to acquaint you that the Rolling Stone which Dr: Harvey promised

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to Mr. Chamberlayne should be delivered to my order he now makes a
difficulty of it, pretending it belonged to the garden of the house he let
to Mr. Chamberlayne, which matter I am not able to clear nor do I find
Mr. Chamberlayne can, and therefore if I can meet with a second hand
One in your neighbourhood at a reasonable Price I should be glad to
oblig you with it, tho' it be an Appurtenance that only Tenants of
nestness would require.

I hope the House and Situation of it proves agreeable to you,
so as to induce you either to purchase or to stay some years in it;
for to tell you the truth, I am ashamed of my Acc^t to Mr. Chamberlayne
for the Expences of Repairs to make the House worthy to so good
a Tenant. I am

Madam

Your most obedient humble Serv^t:

H. N.

Ps. I shall be obliged to you if you would let your Serv^t enquire
where a Rolling Stone can be bought, a 2^d hand one and at what price
They that deal in house furniture can inform them?

To Mr. Chamberlayne
at Knighton Isle of White

Bartlets Buildings

26. June. 1731.

Madam

I recd your favour of 20th last month, and have p^d
to Mr. Havel, Mr. Watkins & his Daughter the sum you order'd and also
recd your Divid^t on 2000. l. in the S. Sea. - - - - - 5:12:9
And your Annuitys of 700. l. to L. day last - - - - - 14: - : -
19:12:9

I have rec'd no rent yet from M^r Whetham tho' she has sent to me to call for it, being desirous to receive it half yearly that she may think herself obliged to give you half a years notice whenever she leaves the House, which at present I don't find her inclined to do, and D^r King hath promised to persuade her if he can to be a Purchaser. I shall wait on her as soon as I can with decency now the 1st half year is out, I have paid some of the Articles of Repairs which would admit of no Dispute, but those I think D^r H^r ought to pay we have not yet settled because I have not the deed by me with you made for his house to know the Covenant between him and you I thought you had left it with me, but when I came to look for it, I don't find it among your deeds, nor can M^r Watkins come at it, so I suppose you have lock'd it up. However D^r H^r has promised to look out his deed that we may settle that matter the next time I go to Chelsea, in the mean time he and his daughters return their humble Service to you. I have this day paid the Insurance of your house to Midsum^r except 6^l and by the first opportunity of sending a parcel to you I shall send 2. other Books instead of Telemachus, as you desire, but for fear I should send something you have already I wish you could propose what they shall be. I wish you ^{not} to suffer by the late Fire at Blanford as well as some of your friends and shall be glad to hear you have got rid of your Cold. M^r Evans is always at Hampton Court, but the rest of your Friends at St. James and Chancery Row are all well. M^r Dijssel is lately married to M^r Egerton a noted ^{whole} Thread Merchant in Fleetstreet that keeps his Coach but he has 2. or 3. Child^{en} which made M^r Mad. not fond to give her consent at first if I am rightly informed.

My humble Service to the Ladies that do me the honour sometimes to remember me with you and pleased to be assured that that I am

I having obtain^d a frach^{ce} Yours &c
I have sent the London Journal of
this Day.

H. N.

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To Charles Fennig, Esq.
in Bond Street near Poland
Street Westminster.

S:

I thank you for the notice you give me and
will attend your Appointm^t on the day th^t I had oblig'd my self to be at
your End office town tomorrow with a view of meeting you and that one Coach
might serve for all my Appointments.

To the Scheme we agreed upon I have only added a Title w^tch
I shall be glad if the Bearer find you at home to have your Approbation
or disapprobation of, if you object to it, in these words or

"The State of Subsistence money due to the Gov^r & Gove^r Company
at Jamaica from 25th Aug^t 1726. to 24. June 1727.
because an Acc^t without an head^{ing} to it seems bald, especially when a
certificate is to be annexed that is to be produced perhaps in a judicial
manner hereafter.

I shall be glad to know whether this State commences at the Duke's
Death, and if his Successor the Maj: Gen: was not arrived at Jamaica
by 24. June 1727. Why it determines then, or whether his Commission was
dated on that day, and whether Gen^t Dodd had not a right to draw
for the subsistence due from the time of the Duke's Death to the
time of his Successor's Arrival.

I can hardly expect an Answer in writing to these Enquiries
now, but when we meet shall be glad to be favoured with your Advice
on them being S: Your most humble Servt.

H. V.

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To W^{rs} Esther Shaw
at South in Lincolnshire

Bartletts Buildings
London 31. July 1731

Madam

I lately received the Inclosed from
W^r Dodd at Jamaica with a power of Attorney to W^r
Dawkins and my Self to treat with You and your
Sister about Selling the Reversion of the Estate in
Jamaica lately belonging to W^r Dodd your Brother.

If you please to signify to Us on what terms
you would be willing to dispose of your Right to
W^r Dodd, and whether you will appoint any
friend in London, or come your Self to treat ab^t
it, we should be glad to know & the sooner the
better because W^r Dawkins is obliged to go into
the Country, but would be glad to order his Affairs
so as to give you a Meeting Your answer di-
rected to me here will come safe to

Madam Your very hum^r Serv^r
H.V.

For Henry Dawkins Esq;
ended to Mrs. Drake Peinant & Long
merit in Cuttlets from
over agt. the Navy office.

Bartlet's Bindings
10. Aug: 1731.
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Sir

M^r. Shaw is come to town on Purpose
with an Attorney to settle the Affair of her Reversion to M^r
Hodg^s Estate; and hopes you will not delay returning to
Toronto easher expence of staying here and keeping her friend
the Attorney she has brought with her. M^r. Dimock a Relati-
on of the Champion of that Name has been last Week down
with her on purpose to drive a Bargain with her and her
2 Sisters for the same Estate, and as she says offerd them
P^{ounds} 1000 Quineas for it, and one of her Sisters has accepted
it earnest for her share on those terms, but the Letter I sent down
prevented their the other Sisters closing with his Offer in hopes
we shall on behalf of M^r Hodg^s give more, I told her I could
do nothing without you, and that you would immediately
come to town upon notice of her being ready to treat about
it. She supposes M^r. Dimock acts for some body else but can't
tell who it is, and promised a final Answer upon her coming
to London, and therefore no time must be lost to divert
her. — While I was with her yesterday she rec'd
a letter from her Sister offering to renounce the Bargain

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She had made with Dimock if she can make a letter with Mr. Dodd.

This Sister it seems is marry'd and wants her share of the Purchase Money as soon as she can get it which made her so forward to embrace Mr. Dimock's offer

I am

Y^r S^r

To the Hon^{ble}

Col. Bladen at

Abury Hatch near Ilford Essex.

Hon^{ble} S^r

H.C.V.

Bart. Buildings

17. Aug. 1731.

I thank you that you give me leave to put you in mind of the certificate in favour of Lieut. Dodd ^{at Jamaica} and doubt not but your goodness will dispose you to make that effectual so far as it ^{can relieve him} ~~may do for him~~ ^{for the deficiency of Wth Stevenson's effects} but also to advise how the ^{remaining} ~~of that~~ deficiency may be supplied by a proper application to ^{the} ~~the~~ government. Your favour wherein will very much oblige

For D^r Nicholson
at Sligoe in

Ireland

Dear Sir

S^r Y^r

Bartlets Buildings
19. Augt: 1731

I rec'd your kind letter of the 4th of June 1730
and since that your favour of the 8th of October last according

to wth I have delivered to M^r Cockran 7. Parcels viz

2. Boxes with a pair of Globes

1. Scrutoir.

1. Case containing Bass viol & Viols.

1. Little Case for Spirits.

1. Box containing a Scarlet Gown and Cap. &c.

1. Hair Trunk contg Linen and Books.

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I sent a Bill with them of the Charges to M^r Cockran as here inclosed but he could not pay it till he had your order. They were ship'd last month on the Mary Rob^t Sanders Master for Sligo directed as he sends me word to M^r Francis Cockran there to be delivered to you or your order, I wish them safe to your hands and shall be glad to hear they go well, and at the same time of your and your good Father's Welfare.

While the Clocks were off of your Scrutoir to be mended, some body unknown to me took the liberty as my honest housekeeper tells me of a Clergyman Mr. Christian by name to take the smaller flute to play with in my dining Room where the Scrutoir was, and when I came to pack your things up I found it missing with occasion'd many words between me & my House-maid, but the Clergyman being gone ^{be gone} I can make no demand of him for it however, my house keeper I must blame for letting him or any one else know there was such a thing in the house ~~there~~

(40) Our old friend D. Bray died about a year ago. The Marquis de Duquesne and his Lady are well, and exceedingly glad to hear of your Welfare. He carries on now a great Trade in French Wines by the help of some Relations he has in France. M^r Adams is well & sends his humble Service to you.

Pray give my humble Service to your excellent Father, and let me know how many poor Child^{en} he and you keep at School and how you employ them after they have learnt what they can at School and you'll oblige

Dear Sir

Your most humble Servt,

To the Hon^{ble} Col. Bladen
at Abing Hatchⁱⁿ Essex
Hon^{ble} S^r.

H. V.

Bartlet¹ Buildings,

16. Sept^r 1734.

I took the liberty of writing ~~the 17. of Aug.~~ to you for a certificate in favour of ~~the~~ Lieut. Dodd at Jamaica and have been every week since at the Plantation Office to wait upon you for ~~you~~ it, but ~~either~~ I have been so unfortunate as either to miss the day or the hour of ~~finding you~~ ~~being~~ there to receive your ~~copy~~ and ~~you~~. I am never Master of my self on Tuesday, which is the day you have ~~appointed~~ to be

to be the & of late but Yesterday Mr. Fen told me
you had appointed him to wait on you there which
made me go with ^{the} more ~~delight~~ ^{satisfaction} in hopes of the
honor of meeting you but we were both disappointed.

I shou'd be oblig'd ^{to you} to know when I might be
in ^{Hanover} ^{square} in order to put an end to the
trouble given you by

I^r. yr. most obedt^r

Humble Servt^r

To Mr^r Chamberlain
at Kington in the
Isle of wight

Bartlet; Buildings
10. Sep^r. 1731.

Madam

I am ashamed to find y^r last of y^r w^r of July
so long unanswered y^r reason of which in part was y^r I was
willing to adjust wth Dr King all Disputes abt y^r repairs
before I wrote. But one time he was not at home another
he was lain down to take his afternoon Naps & now he is
gone into y^r Country not to return till after Michaelmas.

I rec'd y^r Rent of Mr Whetham for half a Year
ending at Midsummer last viz - - - - - £ 10

The having oblig'd me to allow her for a ³ w^r
a Rolling stone for the garden - - - - - 5 "

for carrying rubbish out of y^r garden when the same to complete 7 " 12
9 " 11 "

Though I think y^e workmen w^t ch^y Dr employed
 ought to have paid y^e last Article she does not give
 any hopes of being a purchaser (tho she likes the
 situation of y^e house fit being too strait & too old but
 as she has furnished it very prettily she intends to be
 y^r tenant as long as she can the want of a drain
 to y^e Kitchen is another inconvenience she complains
 of w^t cannot be remedied till the house is rebuilt
 I Paid Mrs Maddox £ 100 4ⁱⁱ as you order'd before
 she went to Acton for w^t she thanks you & desires
 you would still continue to sell^{re} for her, she &
 Mrs Evans send their humble service to you, as does
 Dr Manger & his Lady to whom I made y^r comp^{ts} to
 by y^e Dr who are now gone into y^e Country, but I
 think not so far as Durham, I was going w^t your
 Compl^{ts} to Mr Railton & in my way met w^t Dr
 Hawey who told me Mr Railton was y^t day marry^d
 to a young lady ab^t 22 y.^r upon w^t I desisted but
 shall take an opportunity of doing it In y^e mean
 time the Dr sends his humble ser. to you & was glad
 to hear of your welfare & y^t you may not be
 surpriz'd at Mr Railton's Marriage.

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I must except you what his frd. say that it is an agreeable
Distant relation of his own Name to whom he had a
mind to leave his fortune when he left y^e world without
y^e trouble of a conveyance in y^e usual form of Lawyers
I must not omit to except y^e y^t I have often call'd on Mr.
Rehd^t Hopmann abt. y^e Affairs who is ⁱⁿ diff^t Shew'd
me a Lett^r from an Attorney to convince that things
could not be adjusted till next Term when he hope^s
to be able to discharge his obligation.

To the Hon^{ble}
Col. Bladen

28. Sep^r. 1731.

According to y^e order I have
herew^r sent a Copy of the ^{of the Certificate} Dainght ym was
pleas'd to approve of; I call'd to shew
it to W. Middleton but he ^{was} out of
town, & is not expected till to morrow,
I shew'd it to his Partner who told me
that whatever ym sign'd he did not
doubt would be approved of by him.

I hope to send it away this week
if ym please to favour me with the return
of it by the bearer to y^r W^r.

To ~~Lient.~~ W^m Dodd Esq^r

Bartlet's Building,
9. Oct. 1731.

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Lieut. of the independent
Compt^g commanded by
His Excell^{cy} Gov^r Hunter.

at Jamaica. S. I have had several Let."

from you, enclosing others which were all delivered as directed. I wish your confidence in me had been placed in one more capable of serving you. I ^{am} so remote from West
and such a poor waffer ^{and many nights I have} being turn'd of 3. Scare
beside walking ^{and} walling ^{many nights I have} in Cockinre to get what you desir'd from the
War Office and ~~Col~~ W. Heron's Executors. ~~Col~~
I had no ^{begin} ~~begin~~ to set pen to paper till I could send
what I have now enclosed, to which I have
been every week prouis'd ^{to} w.
but till this day could not ob-
tain the leave of absence ^{my}
though it was sign'd the 30th ^{now}
part. His Majesty's Eyes being ^{now}
so out of order that S^t will ^{now} ^{only}
Strickland could not decently ^{er. to}
lay any Paper before him for man

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As ~~Ligningham~~. I was in hopes the ^{former} 45 last leave
of Abberd would have pro^{to better purpose than any body else could do for you} to
to sollicit y^r own affairs. I wish this ^{way} may have
better luck. I went to the Company's office to
have it enter'd ~~as~~ as it is directed, but missing of
the proper Clerk, they told me at the War Office
that it was unnecessary being so directed ^{for}
from the ^{Company} ~~the~~ ^{Company} ~~the~~ ^{Colonial Office} ~~they~~ had no authority to minister the
independ^r. Company; abroad.

~~Col. Bliden~~ According to yr. Letter to Mr. Elliot
~~his agent~~ he paid me in June last, as follows. viz.
the Ball. of yr. Subs stand at 3/6. ~~8/12~~ ^{8/12} m^o & rd
from 24. Feb. ⁴ last to 24. of April last. .. 6: 5: 4.
For yr. Net ~~Proceedings~~ clearings for one
Year from 25. June 1729. to 25. June 1730 } 14: 14: 0

The usage of w^h in any bands shall be accounted
to y^r order, and I hope you will do so.

I have several times attended Col. Bladen the
^{Ministerial} acting Executor in W^t. Stevenson's Affairs, and
at last obtain'd his hand to a certificate of the
State of W^t. Stevenson's Acc't. with y^r. Company
~~I did object to Gov^r. Hunter's ^{the notice of} having his
whole pay out of the 260. l. since other Creditors were~~

oblig'd

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oblig'd to take up with a quota in proportion as his effects
should hold out, and the late Drift of Portland was one
of those Creditors ~~whose~~ ^{His} ~~but~~ ^{the} ~~but~~ ^{the} Drift ^{having} ~~had~~ acquired in
what she could get, but Col. Bladen told me it
would be to no purpose to insist upon what Gov.
Hunter would never consent to part with, since it
was in his power, and that there was reason to
hope that all Deficiencies of Stevenson's Acc't ^{with respect to his agency} ~~in~~
be made good by the Govemt. that Col. Bladen
himself was a considerable Creditor ~~but had~~ and
though he might in Hindsight lay his hand on the
rewards of ~~all~~ this money so far as it would go,
he would not do it, being sensible of y^r. hardness &
and with'd he could contribute more than by this
certificate towards easing y^r. just demands on Ste-
venson. ^{and have left the certificate in the hands} ~~the certificate~~ ^{of W. and H. Etton} ^{any person} ^{for us} ^{to} ^{any person} ^{who desires to see how}
of W. and H. Etton ^{any person} ^{for us} ^{to} ^{any person} ^{who desires to see how} ^{stands in his Books in Custody of}
W. Stevenson's Acc't. stands in his Books in Custody of
W. Etton before he signs it, w^t he has promis'd to
do in 2. or 3. days, so that I hope to send it w^t
this or by the next Ship without fail. ~~after so many~~
~~journeys or labours made about it.~~

I am prsny ^{to} out of the War Office an ~~Authentick~~
Copy of Gov^r. Hunter's Warr^t for his Pay from the D. of
Portland, Deaths the 25th of Aug. 1726. w^t I find is
only

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only for his pay as Captain
of his Servt. 61. ~~days~~ ^{from} 10. of May to 25. June
for 122. day, ending 25. Sept. 1726. ~~is~~
only ~~recorded~~ ^{recorded} for his own pay but not for
the Company, which I hope also to send
by this Slip or the next ~~without fail~~
it being very material that you should
have it.

Yr. Commission to Mr. Dawkins & me has had the
worst luck of all, for the Revision of the late Mr.
Mudd's Estate had been ~~done~~ ^{done} a year ago to
for \$100.00 and apt. of that of 39. L. value to Mr. Old
W. Melville in behalf of his son I suppose Mr. W.
Share but ~~he~~ dying before the Bargain was
concluded the matter slept till yr. letter came
to her hands and within 24 hours after she recd
it, a ~~gent.~~ ^{of her acquaintance} went express into the Country to treat
with her about it, from Maj. Alcough, but she now
insisted on a higher price and came to town on purpose
to see what she could get. Upon notice sent to me I
waited on her at ^{immediately} her Inn in Aldersgate Street & told
her Mr. Dawkins was gone into Budes to be back in a
few days, but I would send for him immediately to
~~enter into a Treaty~~ with her on yr. behalf she told
me

we ~~want~~^{that} offer had been ~~made~~^{offered} to her by
M^r Ashew's fid, and that one of her Sisters
had accepted of a private ~~in part~~ as earnest
of 400. £. for her part, but ~~that~~ if we would
give her more she ~~had~~ ~~refused~~ ^{would} give
you the refusal. I told her that we should
give as much as any body, and that I had
the words in regard ~~to your~~ ^{relation} to her
not let it go out of her hands till we had treated
with her ^{for} it. ~~that~~ ^{was} W^r Dawsing. Accordingly
she promised ^{to} ~~she would~~ not dispose of it till we had
given her a meeting & I immediately wrote to W^r
Dawsing who upon receiving my Lett^r came to
Town on purpose to see you, but in the mean
while

By the 12th instant of

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while she sent me a letter by the Penny Post to let me know that she had been prevail'd upon to sign a contract to dispose of it for 1400. £. half to be paid down, and the other half a year hence. ~~Mr. Dawkins came to Town while she in-~~
~~giving you would never give so much but when~~
I told her from W. Dawkins that ^{she} should not only have had that sum but all her money down, & a good pair of Gloves beside the was very meafie, ~~at her rashness~~ and afterwards call'd upon me to tell me if she could by any means fairly ~~withdraw her self from~~ the Bargain she woud. After this W. Dawkins had a conference with the Maj: in hopes of disposing him to part with his Bargain for a reasonable consideration but to no purpose as I suppose he has inform'd you. W. Dawkins I understand was very hearty in the affair, and if he had been in Town when we first met, I believe we should have prevented Maj: Atkens, mch: he woud have bid higher than you had allow'd us.

As to y: Commission nothing can be done here without y: coming home ~~and~~ ~~then~~ to negotiate an Exch.

an Exch.

an Exchange with some half Pay Officer, or Lieut.
in a marching Regt. the 2. Regt. with you
that have suffer'd so much are now order'd home
to Ireland, and if you had a mind to exchange
with any officer in them, I don't see how it can
be done but by leave here, nor how your interest
can be serv'd by it.

GOD Almighty the refuge of ~~all~~ the ^{afflicted} will
I hope direct you for the best and let what will be
you lot. May you ^{ever want} have the satisfaction of having
acquitted y^r self with honor, and of being
chearfully resign'd to his will, who knows what is
best for us.

The Marquis Dugenne & his Lady send their humble
service qm. he is now every week at Hampton
Court ^{as a going present} but tells me he has found time in his leisure
to write you along lett. w^t he hopes to send
by this ship. He and his Lady have lodg'd all
this summer at Teddington to be near their friends
at Court & in that neighbourhood.

I ~~desire~~ am S^r & most humble Servt

H. Newman

P. S. 13. Oct. 1731.

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J. W. Middleton having ~~handed~~ ^{had} a Bill of Exchange
desir'd to be except'd ^{signing} the certificate where
Gov: Hunter's interest is concerned unless it be alter'd
so as to make it of no weight ^{all} ~~any~~ ^{way} have prevail'd
with W. Fcum to go to morrow to Lumbury in a Chaise
& pair of horses ^{or a coach & 4} ~~another~~ ^{way} to get
Col. Addes' hand to what Col. Bladen has sign'd
a new, ~~the other of which I have send a copy being~~
~~blown & alter'd but~~ ^{is} the same in substance & what
I have send a copy. The D. of Lorraine arrived ~~this~~ ^{day}.

N. B. enclosed ~~1 Copy of a Lett. from Richd. Meares to Lieut. Dodd~~
the K. Gave of absent dated 30. Sep: for 12. m^o &
Copy of Col. Bladen's certificate 1st sign'd.
W. Meare's original ^{Copy} as copy & underneath.
London Journal of 2^d Oct. 1731.
London Evening Post of 12. Oct. 1731.

1 Copy of a Lett. from Richd. Meares to Lieut. Dodd

London May 4th 1731

J.

I having receiv'd a Bill from my good friend Mr. Newman
for 8^l Sterling by y^r Order Drawn on Mr. Edward Jaffer or Mr.
Abrah. Bravo Merch^{nt} in Lond. Mr. Jaffer refusing to accept y^e Bill
I applied to Mr. Bravo & he did y^r hon^r to y^e drawer as to pay it wth out
any recitation at all, I understand y^e Bill for the Celmonia
Violin for which I thank you, I further understand y^r East
East

Last y^r you have rec'd $\frac{1}{2}$ remainder of my Deb't from Mr. Francis, Willm^g & $\frac{1}{2}$ you shall or have already sent me $\frac{1}{2}$ effects, I am extremely obliged to you & if you please only to pay out to me w^t will be most obliged to you in my place I shall be glad of an opportunity to make suitable returns for $\frac{1}{2}$ civility rec'd

By

y^ry^r most Humble Serv^r.

to Command

Richd Meares

Exam. by Mr Newman

y^r

Please to direct to me at
y^e golden C^oll in Ludgate St.
near St Pauls Ch^t London.

To Willm Dodd Esq^r.

Agent. of the Independ^r.
Comps^a commanded by His Excell^y.
Gov^r. Hunter at Jamaica.

London

16. Oct^r. 1731.

I hope this way overtake the
Old field, you will find the differ^r ~~in the copy~~ ^{in the copy} a small matter
somewhat from the Copy I sent to you occasion'd by some
Complices started by W^r. Middleton, for which reason
I ~~handed~~ to Col. Bladen who therefore cancell'd the
other and put it into this form. I am now inclosing
a Copy of the Gov^r. Warrt for his personal Pay
from 26. Aug^r. to 25. Dec^r. 1726. which I hope to
get next week. ~~in the mean time I am~~
~~most humbly sent~~
H N.

D.D.

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I have herewith covered sendt. on the
a Lett^r I rec'd from W^r Town abt. some affairs
of his own, ~~which~~ ^{wherein} I doubt not but you will serve
him as far as you can be having them a
great readiness to serve you whenever I
apply^d to him. I have likewise covered copies
of the States of y^r Cess^t which he & I gave in
to W^r Kevernor^r Excont^r in order to get the
Certificate, but ~~you will easily imagine why~~
~~his was preferred~~ I am

S^r. Y^r. most humble Servt.

To M^r Huet Maist^r
of the French Boarding School
at Hatfield Hertford sh^r

H. N.

19th Nov^r 1731

I have sent enclosed a Lett^r I rec'd from M^r Adams in y^r
same Manner I rec'd it y^r you may know y^r contents of it, to save me
the trouble of repeating it, Please to seal it before you deliver it, and
draw upon me for y^r 12. guineas payable to any friend of y^r in Town
or let me have y^r directions to send it by y^r Coach & y^r order shall be
Obeyd

I doubt not of y^r care to examine y^r apothecaries Bills & other
articles y^r are to be p^d out of y^r 12. guineas w^{ch} last^r Adams cannot
be a proper Judge of.

My humble Service to y^r Lady & all^r Young Gent^r &c

H. N.

Last y^r. you

asked

To Lieut. W^m. Dodd Esq^r,
Lieut. of the Independ. Comp.
Commanded by His Excell^y Gov^r.

Bast. Building,
8. Nov^r. 1731.

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Hunter at Jamaica: S^r. My last inc^r of the 16th. of Oct. which I hope you have rec^d. I have now enclos'd what I then promised but could not get till this day by reason of the absence of a Clerk in the War-Office who had lock'd it up in his Scruptorise. I thought it might be of Service to you to know what perhaps the Gov^r may not think fit to discover, because by this you may judge of ^{his} strength in case it shoud come before a Court Martial. I don't find but all the Military Gent^r. I converse with to whom I have mention'd y^r. coll^r think you will be hardly up'd if you have not all the Perquisites of the Company from the Death of the D^r. of Portland to the day of Gov^r. Hunter's arrival, notwithstanding the date of his Commission several months before, provided ^{that} ~~was~~ you kept the Company as fully recruited ^{as it ought} ~~as you~~ to be found it. But in regard the Gov^r are very indulgent to the Officers abroad in the article of Recruiting because of the Expence and great Mortality they are liable to, I submit to you whether it woud not be better

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to avoid if possible bringing ys. complaint before a Court
Martial, by compounding with the Govr. on the
best terms you can. By the Course of the Army I am
told the Govr. has no right to the Requisites ~~of the~~ ⁱⁿ care
of the Company but from his arrival, but considering
the Expence of a voyage hither, and the charge of
a Hearing before a Court Martial, perhaps His Ex-
cellency will be content with a less consideration
than those articles would come to, beside the ~~surviving~~
~~of his~~ ^{obligation} all the ill natr'd things that will of course
be said on both sides, and the delay that will attend a
prosecution in form. ^{However} But this you are so good a Judge
of that I need only mention it, & leave it to your
consideration.

I have rec'd no more of ys. Pay from W. Elliot
than what I mention'd in ~~any part~~ ^{of} my Accts. of the
9th of Oct. ^{authorised} in which ys. particular letters to him ~~for~~ ^{to}
~~of him, and~~ ^{him} to pay, nor do you expect I suppose that
I should call upon him unless the purchase of the Reveneue
had succeed^d, in which case either of the Powers of Attorney
you sent ^{to me} would have enabled me to demand it of him!
But if you come home you will receive it ys. self
& if you don't come I must beg you to lay ys. commands
on some friend more ^{capable of} serving you than I am for
being an old fellow turn'd of 3. score I can go little a-head
without a Coach, wch I'm afraid to put my friends to the charge
of, when my Service of them is not worth it. I am
I rec'd ^{Wth of 8th July} S^r. ^{Y^r most humble Servt}
made ys. complaint to the Mongui, & Mr. May, Henry Newman

For M^r Chamberlayne
at Knighton in the Isle
of Wight.

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Madam

Bartlet's Building,
18. Dec^r. 1731.

I am affain'd of my delay to acknowledge the Recet of y^r Favour of the 4th of last Month the Reason of which has been that I have not yet been able to settle the Articles between you & Dr King though I have been twice with him on purpose to do it, & the Shortness of the Days has oblig'd the Coach to call for me before we had half gone thro our Conference, but yesterday he promis'd he woud read over the Deed, & do every thing to oblige M^r Chamberlayne that by any Construction he could think reasonable.

M^r Whetham gave me Notice last Quarter Day to leave y^r House at Xmas by reason of several Inconveniences, a want of a drain to the Kitchen the Windows of the best Rooms being overlooked by the Neighbours, the Chimneys all subject to smoke &c^r. She Dr at the same time telling me that it was the Way at Chelsea to give Notice every Quarter Day of leaving it the next Quarter & that one of her Tenants had serv'd her so for 2 years past. This was some Consolation, & I still hop'd the Dr would persuade her to stay, but yesterday she told me that the Lady Norcliffe was just now dead & had left a very pretty House facing the River of 28^{ft} per Ave. w^{ch} she intended to take; or otherwise she would have stay'd till Lady Day notwithstanding all the Inconveniences. I told her in Justice to you she ought to stay till then after putting you to so much Charge to make the House agreeable, & her Brother told me that if she did not purchase it, she would be a Tenant at least so long as to make it worth while to bestow the Repairs you did. She told me it was with Regret she left it so soon & if Lady Norcliffe had liv'd 6 Months longer in the declining Condition she has been

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she intended not to leave ⁵⁷ her House, till she could let her
herself. She urg'd me to take the Rent for this Quarter, but I refused
it leaving it to her Honour to consider whether she could leave the
House till Lady Day. In the mean time, Mr. H. tells me, the House
she proposes is not so convenient as yours having only a Court instead
of a garden behind it, & the house on one side of it & a private
Mad House on the other, beside higher Rent by 10 £ & Jr. for w.
Reasons when she has consider'd more of it, perhaps she may alter
her Mind for one Quarter more, which I shall soon know. In
the mean time I submit to you whether I may not adver-
tise it to be sold & rid you of the Trouble it will constantly give
you. It will require to be rebuilt in 10. or 15 years if not before
& that can hardly be worth yo. while considering what a Drugg
Houses are now at Chelsea.

21. Dec^r. Madam thus far I had wrote to go by the last Post, & finding I
should be to late to overtake the Bellman, I am now to add that all
yo. & friends at St. James's & Channel Row are well & send their humble
Service to you wishing to see you in London, I paid Mr. Maddox —
£ 19 gu — as you ordered for her Share of Rent for Winstone Hill one year
end. at Michaelmas 1730. Mr. Hoppman has prevailed with me to be a Solicitor
for Subscriptions to his project, which I have as little opinion of as you
can have, but I could not refuse him, because if I get any thing it will
be so much towards lessening his debt to you. My humble Service to
all the good Ladies of the family you are in, wishing you and them
a merry Christmas and many Happy New Years to succeed. I remain
Madam

P.S. I beg leave to refer to
you the enclos'd Print
for News.

yo. & most humble
Servt
Henry Newman

To M^r Adams
at Bristol.

Bartleki Printed 1731
30 Dec^r 1731.

Madam

I am a Shand lofinde y^r favour of y^r 1st instant the kind present of a Hamper of Sherry by y^r Far: so long ^{unacknowledged} wch I now do with all thankfullness and the Reason of my Silence so long was the daily Expectation of seeing Mr. Fleet which I did not see this day who likewise thanks you for y^r Hamper sent to him and will at his return to Hatfield write to you an Answ^r to the Letter you favour'd him with.

In the mean time he has left ~~unto~~ me the Bill of Charges on y^r sons account a copy of w^{ch} is here will sent to his to Call for his Money to Morrow or any time before he returns to Hatfield: he sends his humble Servts to you and will explain what you take notice of about his not teaching the Mathematicks and Merchant^s see^r both which he undertook formerly to teach, & provided himself with Masters accordingly,

till he found the Number of Scholars that would learn those Sciences were so few that they did not half pay the High Salaries of the Teachers: He has now sent for an able Mast^r of the Merchant^s Acc^rts that he daily expects from Hambrugh, and desires those yt. would have their Children instructed in ^{the} Mathematicks to send y^r m^r 3. Months for that to a professed School in London after they are well grounded in writing & Arithmetick without which they can never go on with pleasure in Mathematical Knowledge nor Bookkeeping. That Mast^r Adams^s Youthfullness will require a good deal of practice to establish him in the Talents of writing & Arithmetick, and as soon as he can be capable

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capable of Bookkeeping he designs to put him to it, This was the Substance of our conference which he will more fully explain when he answers yo^r Letter.

I was surprized at the Extravagant Present you have made to me in regard to my poor Services to you & yo^r Son, to whom I shall always be indebted as you ~~are~~ ^{are} so nealy related to my late Dear Friend Mr. Shute who laid me under so many obligations as I can never Ausr^r to his Relations, and therefore I must desire you not to think of conferring any more such favours on him who is

Madam

yo^r already most Obliged
Humble Serv^r

To the Hon^{ble}
Comodore Lestock
at Portsmouth

H. N.
Bartlet^r Buildings
London. 30. Dec^r. 1731.

The Honour of my acquaintance with you about 30. year ago on board the Exeter emboldens me to recommend the writer of the enclosed Letter to your Protection & favour ^{in granting him his desire} if you have room for him. I have known him sometime as under Clerk to S^r W^r Billes & afterwards he serv^d me in the same capacity, but want of Knowledge in Languages oblig'd me to part with him. I can't say but that I always found him honest, and faithfull in what I trusted him with, and he is naturally healthy & strong, by w^r qualities I hope he may always merit yo^r favour if he may be so happy as to ~~be~~ ^{be} under yo^r command. I wish you a happy new year & many w^r even you please to permit him.

To the Hon^{ble}
60 Comodore Lestock
at Portsmouth

Bartlets Building,
London 13. Jan^r 1731/32.

Hend^r St^r

I took the Liberty of troubling you with a Letter the 30th of last Month in Behalf of Sam. Howell a young. Strong, healthy Lad who is desirous to seek his fortune as a Volunteer on board a Man of War, & wishes he may be so happy as to serve under yo^r Command. I then sent you a Specimen of his writing, w^{ch} perhaps might recommend him, & sent it to the Admiralty to be forwarded frank to you by good Mr Corbet, but fearing by yo^r Silence q^t it may have miscarried I give you the trouble of this, and to cover His Majesties Most Gracious Speech of this day, assuring you q^t I shall wth great pleasure embrace any occasion to give you proofs of being

S^r yo^r most Obed^t
Humble Serv^t

H. N.

P.S.
When you favour me with an Answer I shall be glad to know when you expect to set out for Jamaica?

To the Hon^{ble}
Comodore Lesterh

Hon^{ble} J^r.

Hartlet's Buildings
7. March. 1731/32.

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I heartily congratulate you on the recrd of Commission the P^{rs} of the Admiralty have best fit to confer on you, and ~~do not~~ ^{will} wish you ^{rather} ~~properly~~ ^{properly} wear the honour of it till yo^r Merit ~~entitle~~ ^{entitles} you to a ~~further~~ ^{more} ~~advancemt~~ ^{advancemt} Higher Station.

While you was at Portsmouth I had the honour of a kind Letter from you ^{in. anyg. last} relating to the Beaver Sam. Howell who still desire, to serve under yo^r Comand, and hopes upon the ~~late~~ alteration that has since happened he may ~~not~~ ^{be int}end to be admitted to that favour, in granting which you will very much oblige

Sir Y^r most Obed^t

Aumble Servt.

For W^r Chamberlayne
Knighton in the Isle of Wight.

Madam

H. N.
Bart. Building,
14. March. 1731/32.

Stock card to get this enclosed form at least 6 Weeks ago of a South Sea Clerk, as what the accomptant Mr^r Lockyer will expect before he can pay the Div^{ts} on your 700^t Interest in South Sea Stock and thought I had sent it to you to which I daily expected your answer till M^r Bessy Watkins told me you woud^d not hear from me, which put me upon examining when I last wrote and discovered my forgetfulness of which I beg your pardon for, having lived in a continual hurry for about two

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about two Months past to buy necessaries for a Missionary sent to Fort St George
by the Society. Shipping of him and one of my young Men in the D^r of Lorme,
join'd with our Anniversary Meeting for. But this hurry being thank God over.
I went yesterday to enquire after your affairs at Chelsea where I found Mrs.
Whistham gone a visiting and so I have not rec'd. your Rent for the Quarter
ending at Xmas when she left your house and removed as I told you my last
tel^r you to Lady Novelliss facing the River. Even I am not a little concerned
that I recommended her to you, and I believe her Brother the Commissioner of
Excise is affraid to see me for recommending her to me, on which Acct. you
have been put to more Expence in Repairs than all her Rent will pay. Tho'
her Brother assured me that she could not stay less in the House (th^e she con-
tracted for a year only) than what would much more than make amends for the
Repairs if she did not become a purchaser as she would if she liked the House.
But now we are to look forward. There is a Bill on the House to be let or sold and
several have called to see it as Dr. King and his maid will come but some complain
of the Rent being too high others that there wants a Drain to the Kitchen &c.
I have desired Dr. King's Maid to employ some poor h'oman to sweep it out
from top to bottom. It being now the time that people will be calling to see it,
and with your leave I will advertise it as formerly in some of the Daily
Papers. I propos'd to sell it for 15. Years purchase allowing 18. £. Ann: to be the
Rent but if I can't get that what think you of 14. rather than less an
opportunity of selling it for the longer it stands empty the worse it will be
either to sell or let. I can't say but Mrs. Whistham has left it in good Order
except 3. or 4. Pairs of Glass Breaks which I shall expect her to pay for
unless it appears to have been Done since she left the House.

Dr. King having mislaid the Acct. of Repairs in dispute between you and
him we could not settle that affair but I read the Accts of your Dec^r to him
and he does

and he does not deny the reasonableness of it, but then says his Workman with whom he agreed by the Great ought to make it good, so this is to be settled at another Conference. I told him of the Article of 7. for carrying out the Rubbish which he blames his Workman for. I lately put Mr. Chapman in mind of his obligation but could get only the usual Answer, that he always intends to do you Justice, and that you shall be the first satisfy'd, but when he can do not say.

I wrote in January last your half years Interest on 700. at 4. per Cent to Micham being 14. Pound, and your Interest on the East India Bond being 14. due at Micham last but I have not yet rec'd your Dividend for the year at Xmas last on £1. S. 1. Stock expecting your orders daily about the Application of the six p. C. and to receive both together but now I find I have been the occasion of your delaying these Dividends by not sending the enclosed for which I again ask your pardon being

Madam

Your most affec^t Servt.

H. V.

M^{rs} Malcox and M^{rs} Evans and her husband were well last Sunday when we thank yours and the Ladies health at Brighton.

I am glad to send 2. more Books to you from M^{rs} Brown to complete a 8. Vol. in Exchange for Newbyt and have forgot whether I sent to you the Travels of Mrs. W^{ch} very entertaining in 2. Vol. Fr: on one side and Eng: on the other, I know I had 'em but whether I sent 'em to you, or my young East Indian extorted from me I have forgot but if I have sent 'em I will get M^r Addison's Travels to Italy or something equivalent to be sent in M^{rs} Watkins parcel which she is sending to you and hope at the same time to send you a little Tract of M^r Paul Dudley's ag^t Popery printed in New England and is now reprinting here for the Ingenuity of it.

My humble Service attends the Ladies with you from

The King goes to Hanover this summer and M^{rs} Evans intends to take his Son with him if his Majesty permits it.

Madam

Your most affec^t Servt.

H. V.

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To W^r Chamberlayne at
Knighton in the Isle of Wight.

Madam,

Bartlet's Buildings
13. April 1732.

I received your favour of the 25th of last Month, and according
to your Orders enclosed therein have rec'd on your Acc^t at the
S: S: House as follows. Viz.

Annihilation of 6. £. C^t on 700. £ of S: Sea. Annuity } To S: S:
Stock from Christmas last. } 42⁴ - -

A Year's Dividend on 282. £. South Sea Stock due } 11⁰ 5⁶
at Christmas last. }

Making in all 53⁴ 5⁶.

I shall according to your order buy as much S: S: Annuity Stock
as will make up the 700. £ again, as soon as the Books are open'd which will
not be 'till the 25. Curr. The Year's Dividend above mentioned I thought had
been for 6^o a Year 'till I came to look on your Note, the last Rec^t preceding this being
but for 6^o a year. I should have returned the enclosed blank Note in my last, but to tell you the
truth, I forgot it 'till my Letter was gone, it being fit that you
should be satisfy'd in the cancelling of it.

I have sent to Mr. Watkins to be cover'd in his parcel to you.

Mr. Addison's Travels, and S^r. Richard Steele's Lawyer and
Reader for the two Books owing to you from Mr. Brown, if the last
of them be not agreeable pray return it and it shall be chang'd,
for I own to you I did not like it my self, but the last of embracing
the opportunity of sending it oblig'd me to send that on delay it
to another opportunity when I was afraid it might be forgot.

I have not yet any good news to tell you from Chelsea but
shall be glad to send you some as soon as I can.

W^r. Hoppman

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Mr. Hoppman call'd on me to morrow Day to tell me if I would
lend him £50. he would give me a good Tradesman's Note payable in
6. Weeks for 100. in part of his Bond to you.

I told him if that Tradesman was a known responsible Man
I would accept his offer, but otherwise I could not do it without you
leave for fear of accidents. He told me he was a very responsible
Man, but one whose Character must not be publicly enquired
after for fear of hurting it, upon which I plainly told him I could
not accept his offer. He then offer'd me to pay part or all his
Debt to you in fine Bible Cuts at the rate of 10/6 ~~per~~ ^{per} Doz^r and
to leave me a Specimen to send to you of 2. Dozen engraved by
the ablest hands now in London those I have seen I own to you
are very fine on a strong Folio Paper, and if you can get any
of your Neighbours to take them at the same rate he sells them
to you, perhaps it may be advisable to ease him of some debts
to lessen his debt, but I told him I must wait your order before
I could answer him.

He is now engaged in another project for making artificial
Stone urns, and figures for Gentlemen's Gardens at a far less
price than lead.

I had almost forgot to mention a Book of Judge Dredys in
New England, lately reprinted here which you are desired
to accept of as condition you will excuse the Distress of it
It is

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It is esteem'd so late that it was borrow'd out of my hands by
3, or 4. People before I could send it to you.

The Parliam't. 'tis expected will rise the beginning of
next Month. I am glad you are not concerned in the Charitable
Corporation, at least I don't know that you are. Many peo-
=ple will suffer as irrecoverably as others did in the like
1720. but what the parliam't. will do with them is not yet
determined. My humble Service to the Ladies

from Madam Your most humble Servt.

Mr. Whitham has paid
me to Christmas last for one

H. V.

Year only. 18. l. Deducting the Kings Tax.

To the Rev'd. Dr. King at Chelsea

Bartlets' Buildings 14. Apr: 1732.

I am prevented the pleasure of waiting on you as I intended this Day, by a
Friend that obliges me to wait on him into Hertfordshire, I shall God willing
return in 2. or 3. Days and hope next week to wait on you to finish Mr. Cham-
berlaynes Affair.

Pray consider with your self whether it may not be for your interest
to purchase Mr. Chamberlaynes house at the ~~next~~ your next Door at so cheap a
Rate as you may have it, the contiguity of both houses making it convenient
that they should have one Proprietor and the situation of them will make
them always preferable to some other houses that are vacant. I am

Rev'd. S. Your most humble Servant

H. V.

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